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January 27, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY AND THE CITY OF LA MIRADA TO CONTINUE THE STRATEGIES
AGAINST GANG ENVIRONMENTS (SAGE) PROGRAM
(4th DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Strategies Against Gang Environments (SAGE) Program provides services to reduce gang violence through the abatement of gang and narcotics-related activities in the City of La Mirada (City) by civil injunctions, forfeiture proceedings, informal intervention, technical assistance to Sheriff's personnel, and other procedures deemed appropriate. The District Attorney is requesting approval to enter into an agreement with the City in the amount not to exceed \$198,067 for the period of February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the District Attorney, or his designee, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to sign and execute an agreement with the City for the SAGE Program. The City will fully offset program costs estimated at \$198,067 for the period of February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010.
2. Authorize the District Attorney, or his designee, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to serve as Project Director for the SAGE Program, and to execute and approve up to two one-year extensions to the Agreement, including amendments and augmentations to any program goals or objectives, or budget revisions to the program subject to the payment term limitations in the Agreement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The SAGE Program abates street gang violence and narcotics-related activities by utilizing criminal nuisance abatement and other strategies deemed appropriate by the DA and the City.

This Agreement will provide the services of one Deputy District Attorney (DDA) to the City for this purpose. All services provided shall be consistent with the laws of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, and the guidelines of the DA and the City.

Board approval and signature are required to fully execute the SAGE Agreement.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This program supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 5, Children and Families Well-Being, to improve the well-being of children and families in Los Angeles County in the area of safety and survival. Approval of the agreement also supports Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, by securing an available revenue source at the local level.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Funding for this program was included in the 2008-09 budget. The estimated cost of the program is \$198,067 for the period covering February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010, which will be fully offset by the City.

The annual cost in each subsequent year shall be based on the actual compensation level approved by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors for the DDA assigned to the program.

If funding for this Agreement is terminated, an evaluation will be conducted to determine whether the program will either be continued with costs absorbed by the department, or discontinued with the reallocation of staff to a vacant-budgeted position.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The DDA assigned to this program works closely with the Los Angeles Sheriff Department's Special Assignment Officers, the Juvenile Probation Officer, the Adult Probation Officer, the Parole Agent, Public Safety Officers, and School Officials. Efforts have been concentrated on case tracking, gang tracking, juvenile intervention/truancy and criminal nuisance abatement.

The DDA focuses on tracking serious or violent offenses involving gang members, vandalism/graffiti, narcotics users/sellers and problem locations such as bars or smoke shops. The DDA provides relevant background information to the filing DDA or courtroom DDA on applicable cases.

This background information assists with the determination of criminal charges and enhancement allegations as well as the successful prosecution of cases in court. The DDA requests and enforces specific conditions of probation and reports probation violations to the court. In addition, the DDA monitors the City gangs by gathering gang intelligence and actively seeks the filing of the gang enhancement allegations under Penal Code 186.22 to applicable felony charges. The DDA participates in weekly School Attendance Review Board meetings and DA mediation hearings to identify at-risk students and to address early truancy, delinquency and gang activity before it escalates.

Six known narcotics locations have recently been abated in the City and several gang cases are currently being investigated under the SAGE Program. A significant impact of the SAGE program has been the growing reputation of the City as a proactive community. The SAGE program has made an accomplishment toward crime prevention through the collaborative efforts of law enforcement and other public agencies.

This Agreement contains a mutual indemnification provision in order to satisfy the City and County requirements. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the enclosed Agreement as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

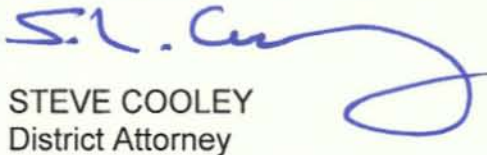
This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the District Attorney's Office is not subject to the Board motion of January 27, 2009, requiring clearance with Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender and Sheriff's Departments.

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CONCLUSION:

Following Board approval, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two copies of the adopted Board letter, with a wet signature, to Ms. Myrna F. Tanalega, Grants Section, County of Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Tanalega at (213) 202-7683 or via email at mtanaleg@da.lacounty.gov.

Very truly yours,


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County Counsel
Sheriff
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